



Mansfield Middle School Association
June 7, 2011
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:08.

Those in attendance:

Allison Altieri, Edmond Chibeau, Kimberly Clark, Jeff Cryan, Lisa Drzewiecki, Nancy Gilbertson, Sheryl Lambert, Kelly McCormick, Megan Meikle, Jeannette Picard

President Edmond Chibeau brought the meeting to order.

Reports

President: Edmond noted that he has great respect for the work done by the MMSA. Although he is stepping down as president, he encourages both mothers and fathers to participate in the group

Vice-President: No report

Treasurer: Megan Meikle reviewed treasury balances. Expenditures and income included:

Applebee's Fundraiser - +\$639	-EO Smith Scholarship to Joseph Willenborg - \$350
Magazine Drive profit - +\$784	-Teacher Apprec. Day – no cost due to many donations
(to Tech Ed. dept)	

Total Balance to date: \$5257.90

In other business, it was decided that \$300 would be put into the Student Activity Fund in order to facilitate the purchase of supplies for the Gr 8 Promotion Night reception. Megan is still waiting for roughly \$400 in reimbursement for History Day refreshments.

Secretary: Jeannette Picard reviewed the minutes for our Match meeting. The secretary's report was accepted unanimously. Sandy Hill has volunteered to follow the secretary's duties next year and will volunteer to serve in the office once Jeannette is no longer an MMS parent (2012-2013).

Election of Officers: Nominations for officers included:

-Diane Briody – president	Allison Altieri – vice-president
-Megan Meikle – treasurer	Jeannette Picard – secretary

A motion was made and seconded to approve the slate of officers and chair volunteers as read. The motion passed unanimously. So far, volunteers for committee chairs include Lisa Drzewiecki, grants committee, and Nancy Gilbertson & Christina Thompson, fundraising. Openings are still available for other committees. Sign up sheets will be available at the fall Open House. Kelly McCormick will continue to serve as faculty representative.

In separate business, it was decided to move the MMSA meeting night to Wednesday evening to make it easier for officers and others members to attend. There had been a conflict with meetings at E.O. Smith. A motion was made and seconded to move the MMSA meeting to the first Wednesday of the month with the tradition schedule, with meetings to be held in Sept, Oct, Nov, Feb, March, and May. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative: Jeff Cryan reported on a number of issues:

-pictures from the CAS volunteer recognition dinner were given to the MMSA officers who attended

-Search Committees - MMS is in the middle of completing the hiring process for open positions on the teaching staff. Jeff expressed gratitude to the parent members of the search committees, Pauline Hayes, Sarah Sheingold, and Diane Vampatella.

-Sophia Danforth has been hired to teach Grade 7 Science and Lit.

-YalibiD'Addario, a native speaker, has been hired to teach French.

-the search for a Grade 5 Science teacher is continuing.

-Great East Adjudication Festival – MMS students did very well at the adjudication. Band and orchestra earned gold medals for their performances, while concert choir and chamber choir both earned platinum medals.

-Grade 8 Activities – Many activities will be held for the eighth grade class, including the class picnic, class night and promotion ceremony

-Field Day is scheduled for June 20th.

-The Grade 5 Tea was held on June 7th.

-Kid's Marathon – Karen Malloy has worked with a fitness group this year which has clocked miles for a kid's marathon. On Saturday 6/11 students will complete the last mile together at NFA

-Jr. Solar Sprint – The solar sprint was held on 6/4 in New Britain, with 38 students from MMS participating. Emma Powers and Sarah Sommer will bring their car, "Sundae Drive", winner of a design award, to the regional competition in Springfield.

Faculty Representative: Kelly McCormick reported on a number of activities:

-Medieval Faire – The seventh grade event will be held on Thursday, 6/9.

-National History Day – Chris Briere and Bryan Rote will attend on June 12-15.

New Business

-Fundraising:

-Scrip – Megan Meikle noted that she would like to change the way Scrip (gift card purchase/fundraising) program is run by having one person handle and use the savings account in order to have tighter accounting of the funds or have Kimberly Bishop make deposits to either the checking or savings account. Kim will contact Scrip about the deposits to find out if information about the account can be more easily shared.

-Sweatshirt /t-shirts – Officers will talk to Karen Burnham about setting up additional sales in the fall and possibly spring of next school year. An idea to add the class graduation year on the back for some as a fundraiser was discussed.

-Donations –Nancy Gilbertson will put out a donation request through Q-Notify.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette Picard

Secretary (pending approval at our next meeting)